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STEAMERS.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"HAITAN,"
Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, 5th. November, 1894. [1147]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"
Captain J. E. Hansen, will be despatched for
the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th instant,
at 1 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1894 [1140]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship

"ORONO,"
Captain Hancock, will be despatched as above
on or about TUESDAY, the 6th November,
instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1894. 11118

Consignees.
"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S. S. "HENDLEDI,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notices to the contrary be given before 2 P.M. TO-DAY.

All claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Steamer's Agent, within the time
specified in the Charterparty, and all claims
undelivered after the 9th instant, will be subjecting to
rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd November, 1894. 11145

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO."
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1894. Acting Agent.

To be Let:

TO LET.
N^o. 7, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
OFFICES in Victoria Buildings.

GODOWNS in WANCHAI at the back of
MCGREGOR'S BARRACKS.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 8th October, 1904. [22]

TO BE LET
N^O. 5, WILD DELL BUILDINGS
(Furnished or Unfurnished). Five Good
Rooms situated in the best part of the building.

Apply to **HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND
FINANCE Co., Ltd.**
Hongkong, 9th March, 1894. (129)

TO LET.
DWELLING HOUSES:—
"HIGHCLERE," at MAGAZINE GAP.
No. 1, RIPON TERRACE.

No. 8, OLD BAILEY.
No. 9, CHANCERY LANE.
A HOUSE IN WEST END TERRACE,
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FLOORS IN BLUE BUILDINGS.

**FLOORS in ELGIN STREET, FREE
STREET and STAUNTON STREET.
FLOORS in No. 5, SHELLEY STREET.
GODOWNS :-
BLUE BUILDINGS.**

Apply to
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& AGENCY Co., Ltd.**
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CHRONOMETER & CLOCKMAKERS.
A great variety in Fancy Goods and Optical
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Mail.
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DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

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A CONSIGNMENT OFILFORD DRY
PLATES,3, 3, 1/4, 10/8, 12/10,
and are offering the same at popular prices.SENSITIZED ALBUMENIZED
PAPER,

4 pl. in this.

CHEAP AND RELIABLE.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD.,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 13th October, 1894.THE
HONGKONG
DISPENSARY.

OUR LATEST NOVELTY.

A SAMPLE POCKET FLASK.

SUITABLE FOR TRAVELLERS or for
PICNIC, LAUNCH or SHOOTING
PARTIES has just been received and may be
obtained filled with any of our WINES or
SPIRITS at cost price.PASSENGERS by STEAMERS will find it
INVALUABLE on the voyage when refreshment
is needed or they are suffering from SEA-
SICKNESS after the bar is closed.The FLASK is well made and finished, and
when emptied will be worth keeping for domestic
use. It can be readily adapted for a feeding
bottle; would prove useful to carry milk or
other nourishment for children; or Tea, Coffee,
Soup or other fluid nourishment in tiffin
baskets.THESE SAMPLE FLASKS
can be obtained filled at the following prices
each:—

PORT.

B—60 cents. C—65 cents. D—80 cents.

SHERRY.

B—45 cents. C—50 cents. D—60 cents.

BRANDY.

A—60 cents. B—65 cents. C—80 cents.

BRANDY.

D—\$1.40 cents. E—\$1.70 cents.

WHISKY.

B—45 cents. D—60 cents. E—65 cents.

IRISH WHISKY.

A—50 cents. C—70 cents.

BOURBON.

60 cents.

JAMAICA RUM.

60 cents.

A—GIN.

35 cents.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1894.

DEATH.

At the Park Hospital this morning, GEORGE
JOHN VOWLES, aged 27, a native of Ham-
smith, London.
The funeral will pass the monument to-
morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Friends are
invited to attend.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

LONDON, November 4th.

The body of the late Czar of Russia will prob-
ably be buried at St. Petersburg on the 15th
instant, and until then it will lie in state at
Odessa, Kiev and Moscow.
The Grand Duke George has been proclaimed
Czarevitch until a son is born of the con-
templated union of the Czar and Princess Alix.
The Princess Alix has been anointed and
received into the Greek Church.
Universal satisfaction is expressed at the
eminently pacific tone of the new Czar's
manifesto.

FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.

M. le Myre de Vilers has left the Hova capital
without receiving any reply to the demands of
France. War is imminent.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

Field-Marshal Count Oyama has captured the
city of Feng Wang, together with fifty-five
guns, fifteen hundred rifles and a large amount
of ammunition. The Chinese troops fled in all
directions.Field-Marshal Count Oyama has captured the
city of King-chow, with trifling resistance. Te-
lien Wan has also been captured after a long
bombardment and with heavy losses.
[Tei-chow (King-chow) is an insignificant
town at the western extremity of the Bay of
Korea, about a hundred miles from the mouth
of the Yalu river and the same distance from
Port Arthur. Tei-lien-wan is exactly fifty miles
to the eastward of Port Arthur.—Ed. H.K.
Telegraph.]

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, October 16th.

News has been received from Kabul regarding
the serious illness of the Amir Abdul Rahman,
rumours regarding which have been lately cur-
rent in India; these are now authoritatively con-
firmed here. The Viceroy of India's Council
was hastily convoked to discuss the situation in
Afghanistan.ALLAHABAD, October 16th.
In the event of the Amir's death, speculation
will naturally turn as to what may happen to
Sir T. S. P. and other Europeans now in
Kabul, including Miss Hamilton and the small
staff of lady doctors. There need not be much
apprehension as to their safety; nothing
short of an enemy by the city rabble could cause
trouble, and this is not likely, as Kabul is garri-
soned by troops devoted to the Amir and his
family. As to the question of succession in case
of the Amir's death, his eldest son, Habibullah
showed himself to be a capable ruler during his
father's absence in Afghan Turkistan in 1880-81,
and, given the adherence of the army, he should
be equal to holding his own against any cabal
against him.SIMILA, October 16th.
The Viceroy's Executive Council met this
morning to discuss matters relating to the illness
of the Amir. The Council lasted some time.
No further news has been received this
morning from Kabul, but the latest authentic ac-
counts stated that the Amir was sinking hourly.
Up to the present time no further news has
been received concerning the Amir, but definite
information is expected hourly.ST. PETERSBURG, October 17th.
It is stated here that General Yano's force
has withdrawn from the valleys of the Gbord
and Shkhdaria in compliance with orders
received from the Ministry of War, as the Russian
Government is not desirous of impeding the
negotiations which are taking place between
Russia and Great Britain regarding the Pamirs.
It is believed that Russia, actuated by the same
motives, is trying to bush the persistent reports
that a fight took place between the Afghans and
General Yano's troops in these regions.BERLIN, October 16th.
King Alexander had a cordial interview with
the German Emperor, who afterwards conferred
the order of the Black Eagle on the Serbian
King.PARIS, October 16th.
According to the Gaulois the French expedi-
tion to Madagascar numbers fifteen thousand
men. Forty steamers have been chartered by
the Government for their conveyance.ROME, October 16th.
The Italian cruiser Umbria is ordered to
proceed to Chinese waters.LONDON, October 16th.
The polling for the vacancy in the Parliamen-
tary representation of Birkenhead caused by the
death of his father, Earl Albemarle, took
place yesterday and resulted in the election of
the Conservative candidate, Mr. Elliott-Lees.
The Liberal candidate, Mr. O'Brien, defeated the
nominee of the Liberal Three Hundred, Mr.
William Hesketh Lever, by a majority of 106
votes.
[At the last election Viscount Bury defeated the
Gladstonian candidate by a majority of 604.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Lotus was towed over to Kowloon
Docks this morning by the steam-tug Fams.At latest advices Diard's Marionettes were
delighting "Rooiki" audiences at Vladivostok.The British gunboat Plover, Lieut. Commander
Addington, left Yokohama for Korea on the
27th ult.The further examination in Bankruptcy of A.
E. Skeels has been postponed until Saturday
next at 10.30 a.m.The returns of the number of visitors to the City
Museum for the week ended Nov. 4th,
are:—Europeans, 137; Chinese, 1,473; total,
1,610.We are informed by the Agents of the Austrian
Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer
Gisela left Kobe for this port at daylight on the
3rd inst.The German steamer Friga, which arrived
here yesterday morning from Singapore, reports
sighting the German barque H. Hachfeld in
lat. 6.20 deg. north, and long. 108.20 east.The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship
Empress of China arrived at Shanghai at 3.30
p.m. on Saturday, and left again at 1 a.m. yester-
day for Vancouver, via Nagasaki, Kobe and
Yokohama.A SMOKING concert arranged to be given at the
Tungshing Club, Singapore, on the 27th ult.,
for the benefit of the Chinese Relief Fund, was
cancelled owing to the sudden illness of that
charming artist.The silk steamship Empress of Japan,
which vessel left Yokohama on the 12th ult.,
was delivered in New York on the 2nd inst., the
vessel being 30 days from Hongkong, and 2
days from Yokohama.HARMSTON'S Circus and Menagerie arrived from
Japan yesterday by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer
Verona and will open at West Point to-morrow
night. The company is an unusually talented
one in all branches of the business and is
certain to establish a strong claim to public
support. Seats may be booked at Messrs. Kelly
and Walsh's. The opening performance will be
reviewed at length in Wednesday's Telegraph.A NEW departure in the use of aluminium has
lately taken place by the construction of a second-
class torpedo-boat of that metal for the French
Government. The builders are Messrs. Yarrow
and Co., who claim for the new vessel increased
lightness and speed, together with extra stability,
in comparison with boats of the same class
hitherto built of steel. This claim is said to have
been well substantiated at the official trial to
which the boat was subjected.A JAPANESE native paper states that Dr. Ki-
sato, representative of an association organized
for the purpose of affording medical aid to
Japanese coolies in Korea, reached Hiroshima
on the 17th October. He at once called on
Surgeon-General Ishiguro at Headquarters, and
the conference resulted in favour of a field
hospital being started for coolies either at Utsa-
on at Hiroshima. Dr. Kisoato left for Tokyo
the following day to consult with the other pro-
moters of the scheme.The appeal case of Chin Kiu against the
Police Magistrate's (Mr. Woodhouse) decision
of the 6th and 25th of September for judgment
expanding to a Portuguese lady in Wardham
Street, for which appellant was convicted and
sentenced to three months' imprisonment for
each offence, came before the Full Court this
morning. Mr. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General,
instructed by Mr. Johnson, appeared on behalf
of the Crown, and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., and
Mr. G. J. Phillips, were for the appellant. The
Court upheld the original conviction.THE Canton river steamer Poyan went into
Kowloon Dock at 3.30 this afternoon for the
usual periodical overhaul.THE steamship Bangor, which passed into
Japanese ownership the other day, has been
re-named the Poyomaru.THE Osaka Copper Refinery recently sent 10,000
yuan's worth of copper to the Korean Mint for the
striking of 500 (about 1 sen of Japanese money)
coins.SARAH BERNHARDT claims to have discovered
the secret of prolonged youth. She says it simply
consists in getting at once whatever you want.
Yum-yum!THE sudden death at Berlin of Count Kergader,
at one time Consul-General for France at
Buenos Aires and well known in the Far East, is
notified in home papers.A NIMBLE-MINDED dramatist has already avized
upon the fact that China was the subject for a
spectacular melodrama, the original scene of
which will be the sinking of the warship Chen
Yuen.A VERY suggestive, and no doubt very necessary,
addition has been made to the Hongkong Police
Regulations, strictly forbidding any subordinate
officer or constable employed in the Force to act
as a money-lender.It is announced that the Mutual Co's. steamer
Pak-Hing, lately taken over by the Nippon
Yusen K'isha, will henceforth be known as the
Yamaguchi-maru. Capt. Young assumed com-
mand on the 22nd ult.THE Scottish Oriental Steamship Company have
contracted with the Fairfield Shipbuilding and
Engineering Company, Glasgow, near Glasgow,
for a steamer of a 400-ton capacity for capacity for
their Bangkok and Hongkong Line.THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship
Empress of India arrived at Shanghai at 4.30
a.m. on Saturday, and left again at 1 a.m. yester-
day for this port, where she may be expected to
arrive at about 8 a.m. to-morrow."How did this come to wear their hair in a
braid?"I asked of a lass as I loved with her fan.
"I know not how with the where," she said,
"But I got my cue from a Chinaman."SINCE the outbreak of the China-Japan war the
tonnage of shipping in the inland sea is stated to
have increased by 60,000 tons, owing to the
large additions made to the fleets of the Nippon
Yusen K'isha and other companies.TWELVE years ago Japan contained only one
spinning mill. The latest statistics from that
country tell of no less than thirty-eight now
in operation with over 38,000 spindles and
representing a capital of over \$10,000,000.A MATCH at football under Rugby rules will be
played in the Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon
between the Hongkong F. C. and H. M. S.
Undaunted commencing at 4.45. The naval men
will play in white, the Club in colours.A MILITARY attack of the Russian Legation in
Tokyo, Major Wozzeck, obtained permission
from the Japanese Government to follow the
Japanese Army on the expedition to China, and
left with Count Inouye for Korea a fortnight ago.MR. D. B. L. HOPKINS, one of the cleverest
amateur comedians the Far East has yet seen,
has been appointed Secretary to the Admiralty
Court of Inquiry, on the latter taking the post of
Commander-in-Chief on the Australian station.We learn on the best authority that the Viceroy
of Peking has given orders to block the
entrances to Amoy at the "Six Islands," and
that the officials concerned are making investi-
gation to find out the most effective method of
doing so.THE P. & O. Co.'s steamer Cathay, which was
chartered the other day by the Nippon Yusen
K'isha, is now said to have been purchased by
Mr. Tel Chobri, of Osaka, for 11,000,000 yen. We
have estimated her market value at a
considerably higher figure.We note from a home paper that Dr. Scott, the
Bishop of North China, recently held a synod in
the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol,
and admitted to the deaconate Mr. F. J. Griffith,
who has offered himself for work in the
missionary diocese of North China.ONE reason for the speed gained in the last
trotting race made in England, says the
Huntingfield Register, is the improvement in their
bolters. While improvements in the bolters
have been great, more is wanted and engineers
are devoting much of their time toward securing
this result, as promising greatly increased speed
to steamers.LATEST evidence of Japanese civilization from
a Japan contemporary—"The trophies captured by
the Japanese army at Amoy and Ping-tai,
which the Japanese call the Chinese cities
Yang-mai, destroyed by the Japanese squadron
after the naval engagement of the Yalu, are
now displayed in the smoking room of the House
of Peers at Hiroshima for the inspection of the
members of both Houses."SHORTLY after the Hongkongan left Messrs this
morning a Portuguese passenger named M.
Rodrigues, who was sixty years of age and
practically destitute, deliberately jumped over-
board. A boat was quickly lowered and the man
rescued from a watery grave, but although
restoratives were promptly applied by Captain
Clark and his officers, the unfortunate man died
soon after he was brought on board the steamer.In the Church Missionary Intelligencer for
October there is a letter from the Rev. C.
Bennett, who is in Hongkong, in which he
inspired by a pilot allegor that the Christians
were preserved in the most marvellous way, though
living in some of the worst parts of the city. The
Rev. Bennett states that only three children
and one child out of the 200,000 Christians
connected with the C.M.S. Mission fell victims
to the epidemic—the influence of some being
Catholics, the special brand of Christianity being deadly
disease at a safe distance. What does seem
mortal can be when they try hard!The general order of the United States Navy
Department which offers citizenship to seamen
and marines after five years' service is, says
Standard, a bid not only for foreign seamen,
but enables sailors on foreign stations to actually
control for foreign labour. It enables the United
States to secure the services of the Italian
Mediteranean and who never leave that station,
to claim American protection even when they have
resigned their citizenship and given American citi-
zenship to the hands of Chinese servants who have
continuously in the ships on the China station,
and it enables them to control the hands of the
Chinese labourers who are employed on the
Chinese labourers.THIS is how the L. & C. Express puts it:—"In
connection with the China Inland Mission
thirteen missionaries (twelve ladies and one
gentleman) sailed on 28th ult. per Peninsular
and Oriental steamship Ceyana for China. Nine
of the missionaries are going out for the first
time."MR. FREDERICK D. SASSON, an old Hongkong
resident and at one time member of the Legisla-
tive Council, was married in London on the 4th
ult. to Miss Jenny Raphael, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Raphael of No. 4, Connaught Place, W.
The function was, of course, a fashionable one.THE Naigal Orlinono Kitha (Domestic and
Foreign Weaving Company) recently established in
Osaka by 25 prominent capitalists with a
capital of 500,000 yen, intends exporting silk to
England and to import kankin from Mar-
chester. The kankin will be mostly re-exported
to Korea.JAMES BURNETT PAIGE, who was sentenced by
a court of two magistrates in Singapore to a fine
of \$1,000, with the option of six months' im-
prisonment, for illegally exporting arms to
Netherlands India in conjunction with the late
Capt. Danneberg, has paid the fine, and given
notice of appeal.THE Captain, his wife, and crew of the Italian
barque Barba, of Genoa, thirteen all told,
arrived at Singapore from Sourabaya in the
steamer General Peel on the 25th ult. The
Barba, bound for Marseilles with a cargo of
11,000 tons of copra, was totally wrecked on a
reef close to Arendis Island on the 25th Sept.Maud—What was the last discussion of the
Young Ladies' Debating Society?Marie—Oh, we took up the old question of
"Is Marriage a Failure?"Maud—Well, what was the result of the
debate?Marie—A committee consisting of the entire
membership was appointed to try it and see.Two Japanese war-ships of 12,000 tons each,
now being built at the Elswick Works,
Newcastle-on-Tyne, are being hurried forward
with all possible despatch, the men working
night and day. But all the same, these fighting
leviathans will stop in the Tyne until it is
'horrid war' is over—unless Great Britain
should specially require their services, and then
of course—!THIS is the Singapore Straits Times of October
24th:—"A Chinese woman named Lee-Mol-
Quay, aged twenty-one years, died last night
from the effect of an overdose of opium which
is believed to have been self-administered. The
woman was one of those whom recent legisla-
tion has deprived of certain safeguards that
formerly existed." Strongly suggestive, friend
Arnot, and very well put.The old P. & O. steamer Malaya, purchased by
Mr. Tatum, a stock broker of Noda, was under
orders at Kobe last week to proceed to Korea
with a large number of coolies for military
purposes. She is now known as the Yamak-
maru. Her new owner is stated to have
recently, in conjunction with a foreign firm,
exported four thousand tons of coal from Japan
to Shanghai, a matter into which strict inquiries
are being made.In view of possible contingencies, the French
Government is taking measures to ensure the
rapid armament of the large steamships trading
with the East which have been built to act as
armed cruisers in time of war. The Polytechnic,
on the Australian route, will carry all her guns
and stores ready for use. She has four heavy
guns and ten Hotchkiss quick-firing guns, and
on her latest voyage took 50 tons of all kinds of
war material, including 30 shells. On arriving
at Noumea, in New Caledonia, her guns and
stores were to be disembarked and stored in a
Government depot for use as required. Similar
precautionary measures will be taken with the
boats trading to China and Madagascar.THE British Admiralty is credited with having
secured a most remarkable pneumatic gun that
"knocks spots" out of anything of the kind ever
invented. To this weapon so much significance
is attached that the most resolute secrecy
is observed in connection with certain
portions of its mechanism, and what is more,
the experiments which are to be initiated at
Milford are regarded as of such importance that
the Admiralty has set aside an old special
service vessel as a target. It is currently
asserted in the Service that this weapon is one
of the most effective ever designed, and that its
penetrating power is phenomenal and astonishing.

THE IDEAL POPULAR LEADER.

He is one who counts no public toll so hard
As daily glittering pleasures; one controlled
By no mob's haste, nor swayed by gods of
gold;Prizing, not counting, all just men's regard;
With none but Manhood's and God's regard;
Nor crowned with titles less august and old
Than human greatness; large, benign, limpid-
soured;Whom dreams can hurry not, nor doubts retard;
Born, nurtured of the People, living still
The People's life; and though their noblest
flower,In naught removed above them, save alone
In left virtue, wisdom, calm courage, power;
The ample vision, the serene will, the
And the fixed mind, to no light dalliages prone.SEVERE shocks of earthquake are reported to
have occurred in Yamagata-ken and Akita-ken
on Monday evening, the 22nd ult. Yamagata
experienced four shocks and Mogami-gun four
shocks. Several hundred persons were killed and
numberless buildings damaged in the guns of
Nishitagawa, Higashidagawa, and Akumi. Fire
broke out at various places and telegraphic
communication was interrupted. Mount Chokai,
the volcano on the border of the provinces,
is expected to become active. Later reports
say: Some 47 shocks were felt in Akita-ken;
the city, except a small portion, was totally
burned and the shocks are still continuing; Mount
Chokai is reported to have burst into eruption;
the centre of the earthquake is suspected to
have been Sakata. Communication having
been cut, particulars were not obtainable when
the Verona left Yokohama.THERE were only five competitors at the Kow-
loon ranges last Saturday for the Hongkong Rifle
Association's Long Range Cup and Spoon, and
owing to adverse climatic influences the shooting
was extremely moderate. The Cup was won by
Major Wootley, R.E., who scored 35 at the
eight hundred and 20 at the nine hundred
yards range, which, with a handicap allowance
of 12 points, brought up his total to 76. Mr. T.
Bishop, 6 points allowed, was second, hitting
25 at 300 and 32 respectively, and Capt. Palmer,
S.D., 12 points, third with 35 and 25. Capt.
Moore, A.P.D., (12), started well with 35 at
the shorter range, but was completely
punished by the deceptive light at 900 yards
and could only add 18. Mr. R. V. Kutter
(16) shot very badly at 800 yards, repeatedly
missing the target, but made wonderful improve-
ment on going back another hundred yards,
eventually winning with a grand total
including allowance of 10 points.UNLESS the truth be told, a little it
does not seem to open good.Her Father (sighs)—Why, I don't know, do you
play poker?Her Sister—Why, I don't know, I play in a
while. I—er—

Her Father—Well, let's have a game!

SIR HALLIDAY MACARTNEY, the English
Secretary of the Chinese Legation in London, in
a letter recently published in the Times, con-
tains some information respecting the Chinese force
that were alleged to have been defeated at Ping-
yang, his object being to do what the Hongkong
Telegraph had already done very effectively,
namely, "reduce the victory at Ping-yan to its
just proportions."THE present indebtedness of the London School
Board is £8,050,000. The expenditure for the
past year was more than £2,000,000, teachers'
salaries alone amounting to £1,100,000. There
are 9,800 teachers, and nearly 500,000 pupils.
The attendance for last year was 402,750
children. It costs nearly £50,000 annually to
enforce the Compulsory Education Act. In the
past twenty-three years the Board has expended
over £50,000,000.We regret to have to record the death from
abscess of the liver of Mr. George J. Vowles,
of the Tallow Sugar Refinery, which occurred at
the Peak Hospital early this morning, after a
rather lengthy illness. Mr. Vowles was well-
known in the colony as a comedian of more than
ordinary ability, and was always ready to give
his services in a deserving cause, his last
appearance on the local stage being, if we
mistake not, at the entertainment provided for
the benefit of the "Black Plague" workers. The
funeral cortege will pass the Monument at 8
o'clock to-morrow morning.A GLASGOW correspondent of a London paper
says: "As is well known on the Clyde the
France, built by Messrs. Henderson, of
Rickleigh, is the largest ship afloat since the
Mersey Richmond, a German owned auxiliary
screw ship, was lost, and now I
learn that the Germans intend again to take
from the French what honor there is in
having the biggest ship, and this time they intend
to have her constructed by German builders. A
Bremen-based firm has commenced a five-
masted sailing ship of iron, which will be 365
feet long, 50 feet beam, and 3 1/2 feet depth, her
gross tonnage being 1,280 tons. The Maria
Richards, a German owned auxiliary screw
ship, built in 1891, was 383 feet long,
and the France, built in 1891, was 383 feet long,
and the new vessel will carry nearly 6,500 tons of
cargo. She is only 5 feet longer than the
France, 1/2 inches greater beam, and 1 1/2 foot more
depth.""MORE than a little surprise," says the Naval
and Military Record, "has been expressed in
military circles—and this without intentional dis-
paragement of Captain Du Boulay's claims—
that Captain Gold-Adams was not preferred to
him as attached with the Japanese army. So far
as knowledge of Korea goes, there can be no
comparison between the two officers, for Captain
Gold-Adams spent several months in the
country during 1892, and visited nearly every
part, while Captain Du Boulay, so far as we are
informed, is an absolute stranger to Korea. The
neglect of Captain Gold-Adams is the more
noteworthy for the reason that Captain Cavendish,
the military attaché appointed to the Chinese
army, was his fellow traveller in Korea."
Whether the strictures of the Naval and Military
Record are well founded or not matters very
little, as in point of fact Captain Gold-
Adams is at the present time as near the front
with the Japanese army as any foreigner is likely
to get for some time to come.THE Rev. Robert Stephen, M.A., P.P.G.,
Chaplain of Aberdeen, has published a pam-
phlet entitled "Brothers of Christ," which does full
justice to his high reputation as a scholar, and
to the subject which he treats. It is not often
one meets so much sanctified common-sense as
is to be found here, and preaching clothed in
language alike eloquent and simple. The
exposition centres round the brotherhood of
Christ as proved (1) by personal unity of
life and character, and (2) by love to others;
and the way in which these heads are
treated reveals at once the grasp of the writer
has of his theme, as well as the warm love
pervading his own heart. Not the least interest-
ing part of the sermon is the powerful vindica-
tion of Freemasonry from the charge of antago-
nism to Christianity, and from the charge of
keeping secret the essentials. Freemasons who
peruse it will rejoice at the way in which these
charges are rebutted, while others may learn
from what is said to respect, if not to
embrace, the Great Order.THIS is the style in which the Japanese News
Bureau report their bogus victories, as set out in
our Singapore contemporaries:

JAPANESE TRIUMPH.

(Despatched from H. J. M.'s
Government, Tokyo, Japan, on
the 25th day of October).From Viscount Mutsu, Minister for Foreign
Affairs, Tokyo, Japan.

To Saito, Japanese Consul, Singapore.

The first columns of the Japanese force in
Korea crossed the Yalu River on the 24th
October, and next day attacked the Chinese
troops, consisting of thirty-five hundred men, at
Hozan, near Kian-lan-cheng.
The Chinese were utterly routed and
scattered.The Japanese won a signal victory.
And this is how the game of bluff is managed
through the Japanese Consulate in Hongkong—
"The following telegram received from Tokyo
yesterday has been placed at our (Daily Press)
disposal."
"Marshall Yamagata's telegraphic report, dated
Kien-lan-cheng, 23rd November, 2.15 p.m., reads as
follows:—On the 31st October the detachment under
Major-General Tachimi occupied Fongtang, the
principal fortification next to Moukden. The
chief part of the Chinese army fled towards
Moukden, and the remainder in the direction of
Hailuogang (near Newchwang) and Taku. The
natives, having suffered from the plunder and
destruction of the Chinese soldiers, welcome our
army. The captures up to date amount to 55
cannon, 1,500 small arms, about 120,000 shot for
cannon and about 2,500,000 for small arms, and
a great number of miscellaneous articles."
One would almost be justified in concluding
from the final sentence of the foregoing that the
Imperial Government of Japan had started in
business as wholesale pawnbrokers. It is only
necessary to add that instead of being the prin-
cipal fortification next to Moukden, Fungwang is
a small town at the extreme south-eastern end of
the Great Wall and is at least a hundred miles
from Moukden, while Taku, which is near Newchwang,
is even a greater distance from that port. It
would appear that the private advice from the
North, published in the Hongkong Telegraph, that
troops had landed at the Lisotang

